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A Guide to Plant Societies

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Plant societies and organizations can provide a vast amount of information for gardeners. Along with cultural information, they can provide verbal and written interaction and, in many cases, plant material or sources of material for their members. There may be local chapters near your community that are not listed in this guide. Check with each national organization you are interested in for information on a chapter in your area.

Many of these organizations publish newsletters or magazines and have annual meetings. The following listing of plant societies, although not all inclusive, includes both highly specialized and general groups. There should be something for almost every gardener.

Note: dues listed are for single, one-year memberships in the United States. Other types (international, family, couples, etc.) or lengths of memberships vary. All membership dues are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated.

African Violet Society of America, Inc.

P.O. Box 3609
Beaumont, TX 77704
(409) 839-4725

Publication: *African Violet Magazine*, 6 issues/year;

Annual Dues: \$25; **Web site:** www.avsa.org

Lincoln African Violet Society

Christ United Methodist Church
46th & A St

7:15 p.m., second Tuesday each month, September-May, except December;

Contact: Kent or Joyce Stork; (402) 721-1478; **E-mail:** kents@tvsonline.net;

Annual Dues: \$5

Omaha African Violet Society

Abrahams Public Library
5111 90th St (90th and Fort)

7:00 p.m., first Thursday each month, Sept-May, except December;
Contact: Francis Larson, 402-571-8081; **E-mail:** fklarson@qwest.net

American Bamboo Society

Michael Bartholomew
ABS Membership
750 Krumkill Road
Albany, NY 12203-5976

Publication: Bamboo Science and Culture; **Dues:** \$35;
Web site: www.americanbamboo.org

American Begonia Society

Arlene Ingles, Jr.
157 Monument Road
Rio Dell, CA 95562-1617

Phone: (707) 764-5407; **Publication:** *The Begonian*; **Annual Dues:** \$17;
Web site: www.begonias.org

American Bonsai Society

Jim Hagen
Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 351604
Toledo, OH 43635-1604

Publication: *BONSAI: Journal of the American Bonsai Society*;
Annual Dues: \$24; **Web site:** www.absbonsai.org

American Clematis Society

c/o Edith Malek
P.O. Box 17085
Irvine, CA 92623-7085

Publication: *The Clematis Chronicle* newsletter; **Dues:** \$20; **Web site:** www.clematis.org

American Conifer Society

P.O. Box 3422
Crofton, MD 2114-0422

Phone: (410) 721-6611; Fax (410) 721-9636; **Publication:** *Conifer Quarterly*;
Annual Dues: \$25; **Web site:** www.conifersociety.org

The American Daffodil Society, Inc.

4126 Winfield Rd.
Columbus, OH 43220-4606

Publication: *The Daffodil Journal*; **Annual Dues:** \$20; **Web site:** www.daffodilusa.org

American Dahlia Society

Alan A. Fisher, ADS Membership
1 Rock Falls Court
Rockville, MD 20854

Publication: *Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society*; **Annual Dues:** \$20;
Web site: www.dahlia.org

American Fern Society

Dr. George Yatskievych,
Membership Secretary
Missouri Botanical Garden
P. O. Box. 299
St. Louis, MO 63166-0299

Publication: *American Fern Journal; Fiddlehead Forum*; **Dues** (with journal): \$15;
Annual Dues (without journal): \$8; **Web site:** www.amerfernsoc.org

American Fuchsia Society

Judy Salome
6979 Clark Road
Paradise, CA 95969

Publication: *American Fuchsia Society Bulletin*;
Annual Dues: \$17; **Web site:** www.american-fuchsia-soc.org

American Gloxinia & Gesneriad Society

AGGS Membership Chair
118 Byron Ave
Lawrence, MA 01841-4444

Publication: *The Gloxinian - The Journal for Gesneriad Growers*; **Annual Dues:** \$20;
Web site: www.aggs.org

American Gourd Society

317 Maple Ct.
Kokomo, IN 46902-3633

Publication: *The Gourd*; **Annual Dues:** \$15; **Web site:** www.americangourdsociety.org

American Hemerocallis Society

Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary
Dept. WWW
P.O. Box 10
Dexter, GA 31019

Publication: *Daylily Journal*; **Annual Dues:** \$18; **Web site:** www.daylilies.org

American Hibiscus Society

P.O. Box 12073W
St. Petersburg, FL 33733-2073

Publication: *The Seed Pod*; **Annual Dues:** \$20; **Web site:** www.trop-hibiscus.com/dahs.html

American Horticultural Society

7931 E. Boulevard Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308-1300

Phone: (800) 777-7391; **Publication:** *The American Gardener*; **Annual Dues:** \$35; **Web site:** www.ahs.org

American Hosta Society

AHS Membership Secretary
246 Etheridge Road
Auburn, GA 30011

Publication: *The Hosta Journal*; **Annual Dues:** \$25; **Web site:** www.hosta.org

Shady Choice Hosta Society

Omaha, Nebraska

President: John Guest

12763 Grover Street

Omaha, NE 68144-4074

E-mail: John.Guest@offutt.af.mil; **Phone:** (402) 334-5368

The American Hydrangea Society

P. O. Box 11645

Atlanta, GA 30355

Publication: quarterly newsletter; **Dues:** \$15; **Web site:** none

American Iris Society

Membership Secretary

P.O. Box 14750

Richmond VA 23221-4750

Phone: (804) 358-6202

Local Chapter: *Lincoln*

Contact: Eugene Kalkwarf

Phone: (402) 474-4832; **E-mail:** emeraldiris@alltel.net;

Publication: *American Iris Society Bulletin*;

Note: There are 11 additional speciality iris societies listed at the AIS Web site;

Annual Dues: \$20; **Web site:** www.irises.org

American Orchid Society

16700 AOS Lane

Delray Beach, FL 33446-4351

Phone: (561) 404-2000; **Publication:** *Orchids*; **Annual Dues:** \$40; **Web site:** www.orchidweb.org

Lincoln Orchid Society

Contact: Tim E. Janssen

933 S 9 St

Lincoln, NE 68508-3111

Phone: (402) 476-3877; **E-mail:** tjanssen@lps.org;

Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 56th & South Street in Lincoln.

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society

Contact: Tim Janssen

P.O. Box 241871

Omaha, NE 68124

Phone: (402) 476-3877; **E-mail:** tjanssen@lps.org;

Meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Building, 2912 S. 80th Ave., Omaha.

American Penstemon Society

Ann Bartlett

1569 S. Holland Ct.
Lakewood, CO 80232

Publication: *American Penstemon Bulletin*; **Annual Dues:** \$10;

Web site: www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/~awolfe/Penstemon/Penstemon.html

American Peony Society

Greta Kessenich
250 Interlachen Rd
Hopkins, MN 55343

Publication: *The American Peony Society Bulletin*;

Annual Dues: \$7.50; **Web site:** www.americanpeonysociety.org

American Pomological Society

R.M. Crassweller, Treasurer
103 Tyson Building
University Park, PA 16802-4200

Publication: *Journal of the American Pomological Society*;

Annual Dues: \$40; **Web site:** <http://hortweb.cas.psu.edu/aps>

American Rhododendron Society

Executive Director
11 Pinecrest Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

Phone: (707) 725-3043; **E-Mail:** oars@arsoffice.org;

Publication: *Journal of the American Rhododendron Society*; **Annual Dues:** \$28;

Web site: www.rhododendron.org

American Rose Society

P. O. Box 30,000
Shreveport, LA 71130-0030

Phone: (800) 637-6534; **Publication:** *American Rose*; **Membership:** \$37; **Web site:** www.ars.org

Nebraska Chapters:

Nebraska State Rose Society - Lincoln, Neb.

Roger Miner, President

Phone: (402) 421-1674; **E-mail:** minerland@neb.rr.com

Beatrice Rose Society - Beatrice, Neb.

Mary Ann Hayes, President

Phone: (402) 645-8178; **E-mail:** Sh55213@alltel.net

Lincoln Rose Society - Lincoln, Neb.

Patty Haddow, President

Phone: (402) 489-1364; **E-mail:** haddowpe@msn.com

Northeast Nebraska Rose Society - Norfolk, Neb.

Darrell Wyatt, President

Phone: (402) 368-7723; **E-mail:** dwyatt@ncfcomm.com

Omaha Rose Society - Omaha, Neb.

Don Swanson, President

Phone: (402) 493-5986; **E-mail:** donswan45@aol.com;

Meets the third Thursday, February through October

The American Violet Society

Annebelle Rice, President

260 1/2 Euclid Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90803

E-mail: violet@americanvioletsociety.org;

Publication: *The Violet Gazette*; **Dues:** \$15; **Web site:** www.americanvioletsociety.org

The Azalea Society of America

Membership Committee

P.O. Box 34536

West Bethesda, MD 20827-0536

Publication: *The Azalea*; **Annual Dues:** \$25; **Web site:** www.azaleas.org

Bromeliad Society International, Inc.

P.O. Box 12981

Gainesville, FL 32604-0981

Phone: (352) 372-6589; **E-mail:** membership@bsi.org;

Publication: *Bromeliad Society International Journal*; **Annual Dues:** \$30; **Web site:** www.bsi.org

Cactus & Succulent Society of America

Mindy Fusaro

P.O. Box 2615

Pahrump, NV 89041-2615

Phone: (775) 751-1320; **E-mail:** cssa@wizard.com;

Publication: *The Cactus & Succulent Journal*; **Annual Dues:** \$35; **Web site:** www.cssainc.org

Garden History Society

The Director, Garden History Society

70 Cowcross St

London, ECI M6EJ, UK

Publication: *Garden History*; **Annual Dues:** 35£; **Web site:** www.gardenhistorysociety.org

The Herb Society of America, Inc.

9019 Kirtland Chardon Road

Kirtland, OH 44094

Phone: (440) 256-0514; **Publication:** *The Herbalist*; **Dues:** \$50; **Web site:** www.herbsociety.org

Gesneriad Hybridizers Association

Dale Martens

2728 Masters Drive

League City, TX 77573

Publication: *CrossWords*, 3 issues/year; A special interest group of the AGGS; **Dues:** \$8

Heritage Roses Group

Northwest Area Coordinator

Helen Pressley

P.O. Box 7606

Olympia, WA 98507

E-mail: hpre461@aol.com; **Annual Dues:** \$10; **Web site:** <http://www.amityheritageroses.com/HRGroup.html>

Hobby Greenhouse Association

8 Glen Terrace

Bedord, MA 01730-2048

Publication: *Hobbygreenhouse*; **Annual Dues:** \$22; **Web site:** www.hobbygreenhouse.org

The Home Orchard Society

P.O. Box 230192

Tigard, OR 97281-0192

E-mail: lmills@europa.com; **Publication:** *Pome News*; quarterly;

Dues: \$15; **Web site:** www.wvi.com/~dough/HOS/HOS1.html

The Hoya Society International

P.O. Box 80156

Conyers, GA 30013-8156

E-mail: hoya@mindspring.com; **Dues:** unknown; **Web site:** <http://www.succulent-plant.com/hoya.html>

Hydroponic Society of America

E-mail: info@hsa.hydroponics.org; **Web site:** www.hsa.hydroponics.org

International Bulb Society

P.O. Box 336

Sanger, CA 93657-0336

Publication: *Herbertia; Bulbs*; **Dues:** \$40; **Web site:** www.bulbsociety.com

International Carnivorous Plant Society

PMB 330

3310 East Yorba Linda Blvd.

Fullerton, CA 92831-1709

Publication: *Carnivorous Plant Newsletter*; **Dues:** \$25; **Web site:** www.carnivorousplants.org

International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association

IDFTA Business Office

14 S. Main St.

Middleburg, PA 17842

Publication: *Compact Fruit Tree*; **Dues:** \$80; **Web site:** www.idfta.org

International Geranium Society

IGS Membership

Dept. WWW

P.O. Box 92734

Pasadena, CA 91109-2734

Publication: *Geraniums Around the World*; **Dues:** \$15; **Web site:**

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/2822/>

International Lilac Society

3 Paradise Court
Cohoes, NY 12047-1422

Publication: quarterly journal; **Dues:** \$20; **Web site:** <http://lilacs.freesevers.com/>

The Magnolia Society

Roberta Hagen
6616 81st St
Cabin John, MD 20818

Publication: *The Journal of the Magnolia Society*; **Web site:** www.supernet.net/~magnolia

National Chrysanthemum Society

Galen Goss, Secretary
10107 Homar Pond Dr.
Fairfax Station, VA 22039-1650

Publication: *The Chrysanthemum*; quarterly; **Dues:** \$20; **Web site:** www.mums.org

National Gardening Association

1100 Dorset Street
South Burlington, VT 05403

Phone: (802) 863-5251; **Web site:** www.garden.org

Nebraska Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association

Susan Miller, Secretary/Treasurer
1050 County Rd X
Fremont, Neb. 68025-9600

Phone: (402) 727-5813; **E-mail:** grandviewfarm1@juno.com; **Dues:** \$15

Nebraska Nutgrowers Association

122 Mussehl Hall
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, Neb. 68583-0716

Phone: (402) 489-2511; **Dues:** \$10

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

P.O. Box 830715
Lincoln, NE 68583-0715

Phone: (402) 472-2971; **Web site:** www.arboretum.unl.edu; **Dues:** \$25

Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association

9205 W. Rock Creek Rd
Valparaiso Neb. 68065-8567

Dues: \$45

North American Gladiolus Council

NAGC Membership Secretary
RFD #1, Box 70
Belgrade, ME 04917

Publication: *Glad World*; quarterly; **Dues:** \$15; **Web site:** www.gladworld.com

North American Fruit Explorers

1716 Apples Rd.
Chapin, IL 62628

Publication: *Pomona*; quarterly journal; **Dues:** \$10; **Web site:** www.nafex.org

North American Lily Society

Dr. Robert Gilman, NALS Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 272
Owatonna, MN 55060

Publication: quarterly bulletin; **Dues:** \$20; **Web site:** www.lilies.org

North American Rock Garden Society

P.O. Box 67
Milwood, NY 10546

Publication: *Rock Garden Quarterly*; **Annual Dues:** \$25; **Web site:** www.nargs.org

Northern Nut Growers Association

Nancy Petitt, Treasurer
P.O. Box 550
648 Oak Hill School Rd.
Townsend, DE 19734-0550

Publication: *The Nutshell*; quarterly; **Dues:** \$20; **Web site:** www.icserv.com/nnga

Rose Hybridizers Association

Mr. Larry D. Peterson
21 South Wheaton Road
Horseheads, NY 14845

Publication: quarterly newsletter; **Dues:** \$10; **Web site:** www.rosehybridizers.org

Sedum Society

Sue Haffner
3015 Timmy
Clovis, CA 93612-4849

E-mail: sue_haffner@csufresno.edu;

Publication: quarterly newsletter; **Dues:** \$22; **Web site:** <http://www.cactus-mall.com/sedum/>

Seed Savers Exchange & Flower & Herb Exchange

3076 North Winn Road
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Phone: (563) 382-5990; **SSE dues:** \$30; **FHE dues:** \$10; **Web site:** www.seedsavers.org

Species Iris Group of North America

Rodney Barton
3 Wolters Street
Hickory Creek, TX 75065-3214

Publication: *SIGNA*, twice/year; **Dues:** \$9; **Web site:** www.signa.org

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